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EPA issued a press release on the catastrophic events at the Arkema plant in Crosby, Texas. The EPA and the TCEQ provided direct support to the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department and the Harris County Fire Marshall's Office who lead the coordinated effort. The ASPECT aircraft flew several missions and found no exceedances of the Texas comparison values. The state still has an open investigation into the Arkema incident and will evaluate any impact due to the fires at the site. EPA ordered Arkema to provide a detailed timeline of events and to respond to several questions.

There has been much focus on air quality monitoring in certain areas in Houston near the Valero facility in the Manchester neighborhood. EPA issued a press release on data results collected by the TAGA mobile laboratory that performs real-time monitoring. While a leak at the facility was confirmed, the company took action to respond and repair the leak. No levels of concern were indicated. Data results have been posted online.

Community Liaisons continue to be deployed. Tasks will include touching base with various response organizations in the 39 counties and providing information for use in the recovery process. By Sunday, a total of 39 CLs should be deployed.

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